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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, mailed May 20, 2003, in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect Group II, drawn to compounds as defined by the structural formulas of claims 1 and 3, with traverse. Applicants elect this group with traverse, because these claims depend from the claims of Group I, and therefore examination of the claims of Group I would require no further search to identify prior art as to the claims of Group II. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the simultaneous examination of all claims would present no significant additional burden for the Examiner.

With respect to the election of species, Applicants elect claim 5, nucleic acids as therapeutics, and the complexing agent Ad-PEG-Tf of Example 55 beginning on page 89, with traverse and for search purposes only.

Prior to beginning substantive examination of the application, please amend the claims as follows: